

I strongly oppose the Broadcast Flag rule.
FCC 02-231 states, "In the absence of a copy protection scheme for digital broadcast television, content providers have asserted that they will not permit high quality programming to be broadcast digitally." This rationale is cited as justification for a scheme that will undoubtedly increase the complexity and price of consumer devices, and limit the types of software individuals can develop and own.

Without a government-sponsored "rights management device", novelists still produce books, musicians still produce albums. Without copy-protection, I continue to author educational multimedia. Art, regardless of whether it is analog or digital, has always thrived in a free society. FCC intrusion in this matter is neither necessary nor desirable.

I sincerely hope the FCC values the rights of their citizens and constituents over the wallets of Hollywood moguls.